

C2 9. (Twice Amended). A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the parameter indicative of airway narrowing that is measured comprises measuring [the amount of] a reduction in forced expiratory volume in [1] one second.

C3 12. (Twice Amended). A method for increasing mucociliary clearance or inducing sputum comprising the step of causing a subject to inhale into the subject's airways an effective amount of a substance capable of [altering] increasing the osmolarity of airway surface liquid, the substance being in the form of a dispersible dry powder, other than a dry powder dissolved in a liquid, containing an effective proportion of particles of a respirable size.

Please amend the title as follows: Method [and Device] for the Provocation of Air Passage Narrowing and/or the Induction of Sputum.

REMARKS

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action faxed on March 10, 1998. Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following arguments is respectfully requested.

Applicant kindly thanks the Examiner for the interview granted on March 20, 1998.

Claim 9, was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, the Examiner stated that in claim 9 that there